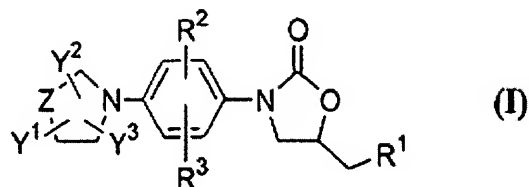
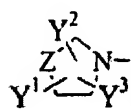


1. (Previously Amended) A compound that is an oxazolidinone derivative of the formula (I)



or a salt thereof, or a stereoisomer thereof, where

R¹ represents -NHR⁴ wherein R⁴ represents thio(C₁-C₁₀)acyl, -C(=S)-cyclo(C₃-C₈)alkoxy, -C(=S)-(C₁-C₁₀)alkoxy, -C(=S)-(C₂-C₁₀)alkenyloxy, -C(=S)-aryloxy, -(C=S)-S-(C₁-C₁₀)alkyl, -(C=S)-NH₂, -(C=S)-NH-(C₁-C₁₀)alkyl, -C(=S)-N-((C₁-C₁₀)alkyl)₂, -C(=S)-NH-(C₂-C₁₀)alkenyl, (C=S)-(C=O)-(C₁-C₁₀)alkoxy, -(C=S)-(C=O)-aryloxy, -C(=S)-O-(C=O)-(C₁-C₁₀)alkyl, C(=S)-C(=S)-(C₁-C₁₀)alkyl, -C(=S)-C(=S)-aryl, -C(=S)-thiomorpholinyl or -C(=S)-pyrrolidinyl; R² and R³, which may be the same or different, are each independently hydrogen, halogen, (C₁-C₁₀)alkyl, halogenated (C₁-C₁₀)alkyl, cyano, nitro, SR^a, NR^a, or OR^a, in which R^a is hydrogen, (C₁-C₁₀)alkyl or halogenated (C₁-C₁₀)alkyl;

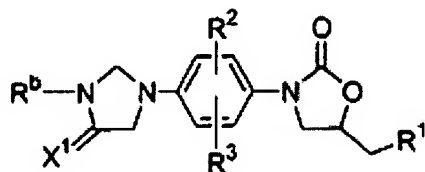


is a heterocyclic moiety in which is a 5-membered heterocyclic skeleton, Z represents =CH, -CH₂ or NR^b, where R^b is hydrogen or a moiety, which may be substituted or unsubstituted, straight chain or branched, selected from the group consisting of (C₁-C₁₀)alkyl, (C₂-C₁₀)alkenyl, (C₃-C₈)cycloalkyl, hydroxy(C₁-C₁₀)alkyl, (C₁-C₁₀)alkylhydroxy, (C₁-C₁₀)alkylamino, amino(C₁-C₁₀)alkyl, (C₁-C₁₀)alkoxy, aryl, aralkyl, aryloxy, (C₁-C₁₀)alkylcarbonyl, arylcarbonyl, (C₁-C₁₀)alkoxycarbonyl and aryloxycarbonyl;

Y¹ represents =O or =S group and Y² and Y³ independently represent hydrogen, halogen, cyano, nitro, formyl, hydroxy, amino, =O, =S group or substituted or

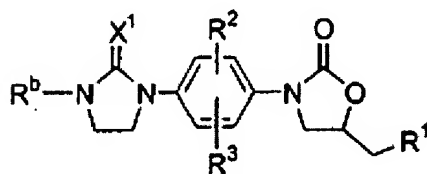
unsubstituted groups selected from (C₁-C₁₀)alkyl, hydroxy(C₁-C₁₀)alkyl, (C₁-C₁₀)alkylhydroxy, (C₁-C₁₀)alkoxy(C₁-C₁₀)alkyl, (C₁-C₁₀)alkylcarbonyl, (C₁-C₁₀)alkoxycarbonyl, arylcarbonyl, carboxy(C₁-C₁₀)alkyl, (C₁-C₁₀)alkylsulfonyl, (C₁-C₁₀)alkylcarbonyl(C₁-C₁₀)alkyl, arylcarbonylamino(C₁-C₁₀)alkyl, (C₁-C₁₀)alkylcarbonyloxy(C₁-C₁₀)alkyl, amino(C₁-C₁₀)alkyl, mono(C₁-C₁₀)alkylamino, di(C₁-C₁₀)alkylamino, arylamino, (C₁-C₁₀)alkoxy, aryl, aryloxy, aralkyl, heteroaryl, heteroaralkyl, heterocyclyl or heterocycloalkyl; Y² and Y³ when present on adjacent carbon atoms together may also form a substituted or unsubstituted 5 or 6 membered aromatic or non-aromatic cyclic structure, optionally containing one or two hetero atoms selected from oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen.

2. (Original) The compound of claim 1 having the structure



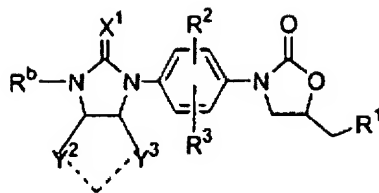
wherein X¹ is oxygen or sulfur.


3.. (Original) The compound of claim 1 having the structure



wherein X¹ is oxygen or sulfur.

4. (Original) The compound of claim 1 having the structure

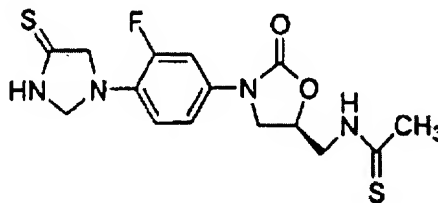
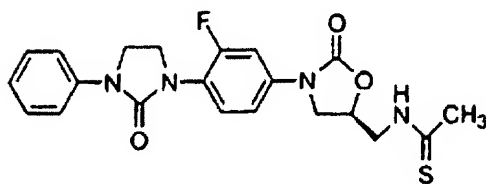
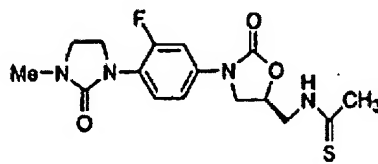
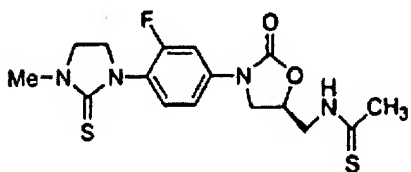


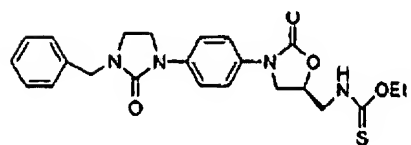
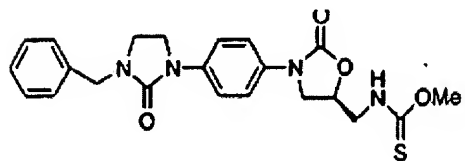
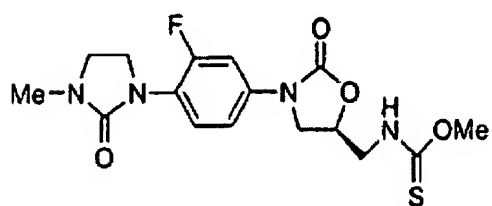
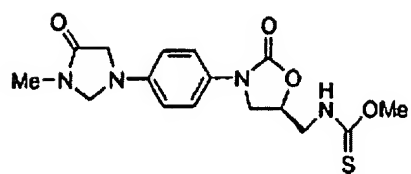
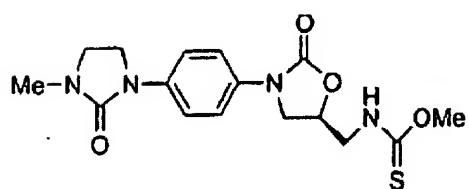
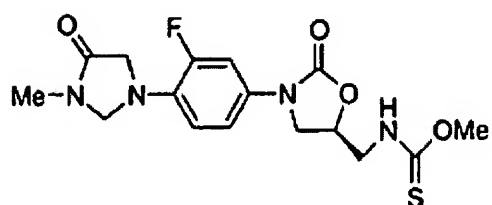
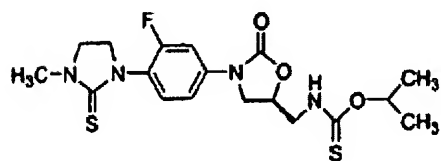
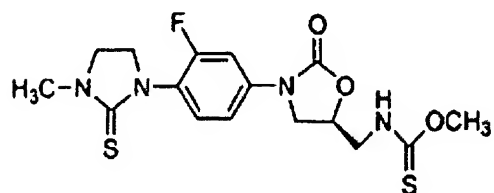
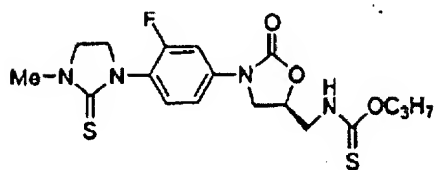
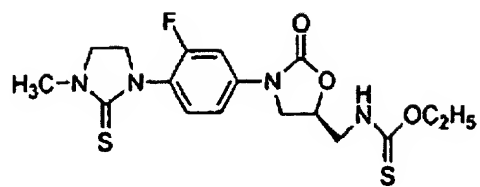
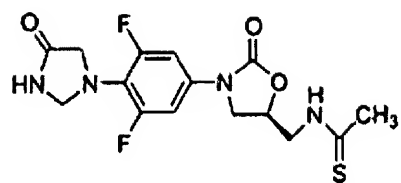
wherein X^1 is oxygen or sulfur, and  is a substituted or unsubstituted 5- or 6- membered aromatic or non-aromatic cyclic structure optionally having one or two hetero atoms, formed by Y^2 and Y^3 .

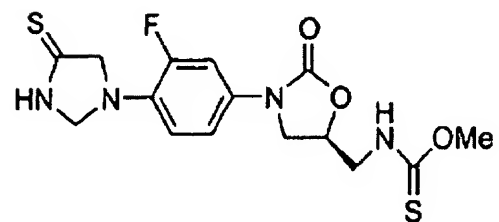
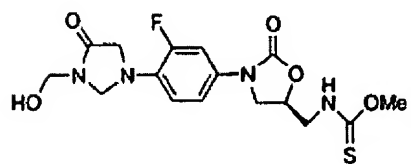
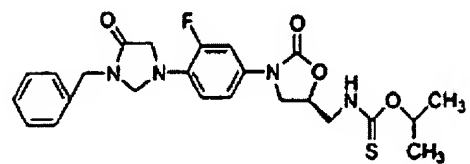
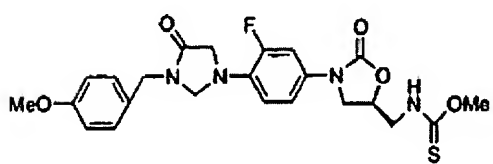
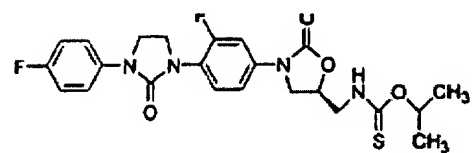
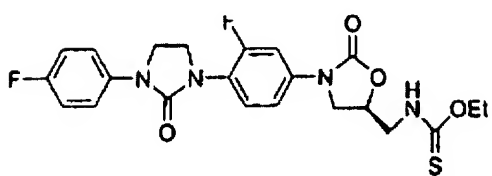
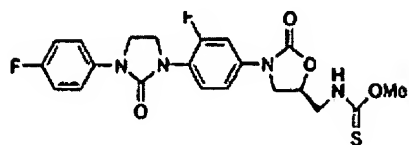
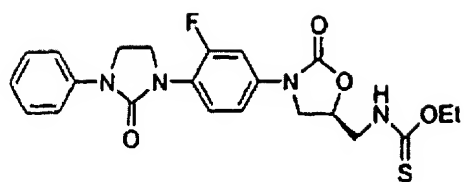
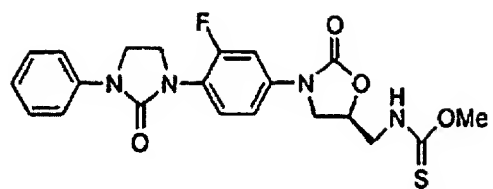
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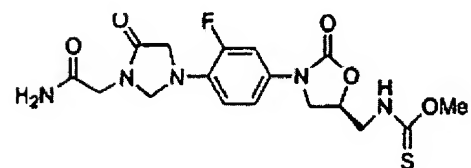
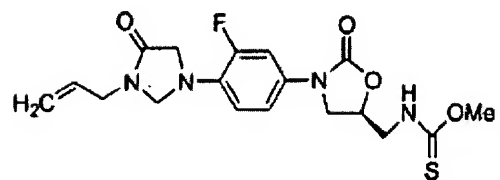
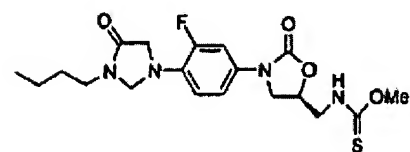
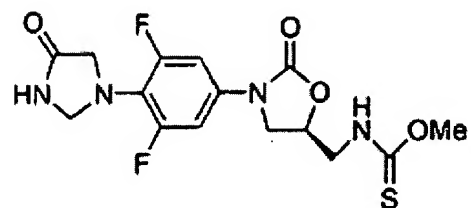
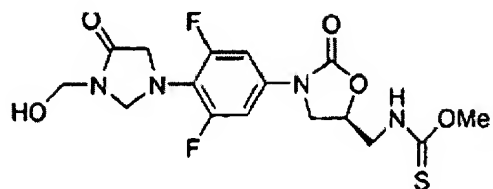
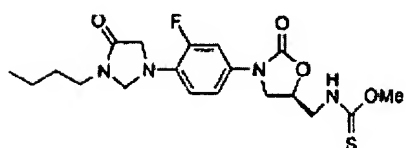
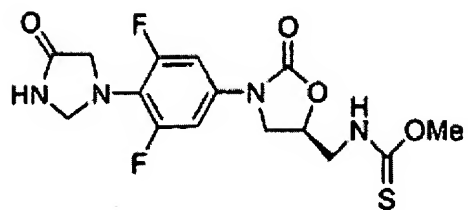
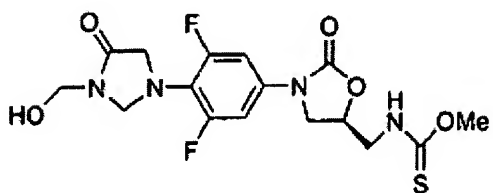
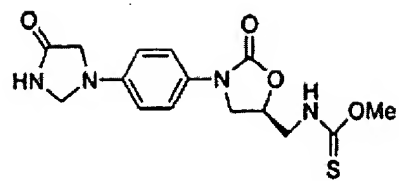
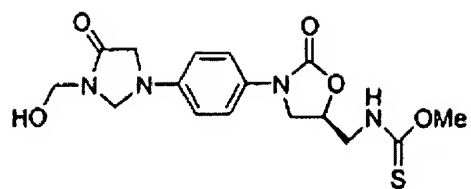
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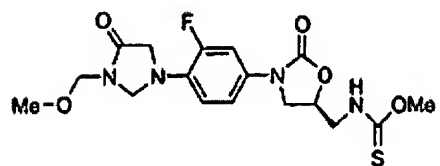
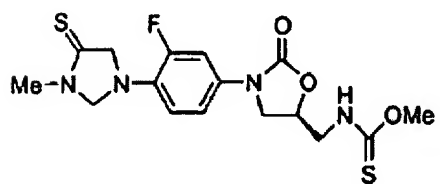
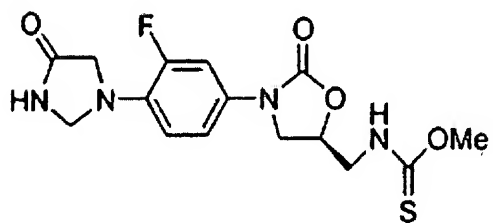
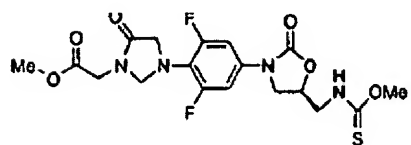
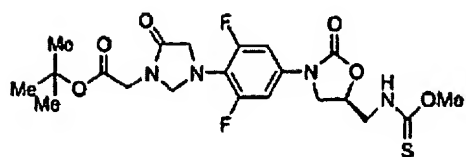
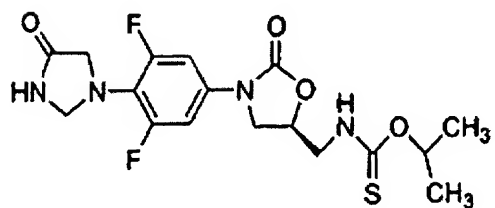
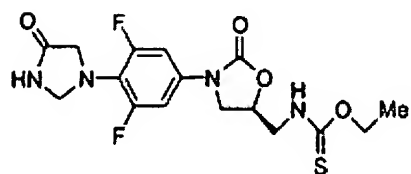
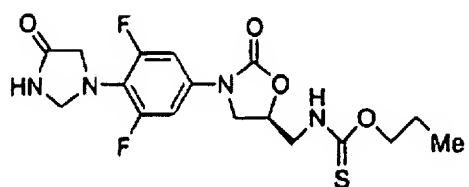
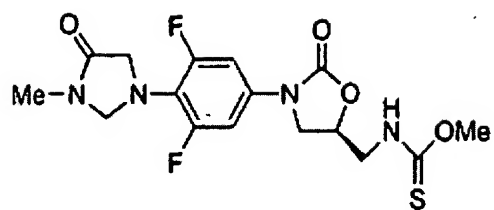
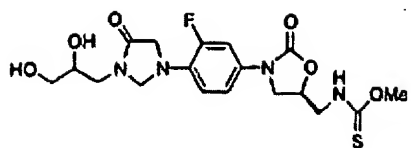
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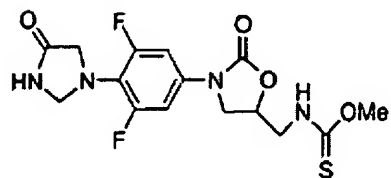
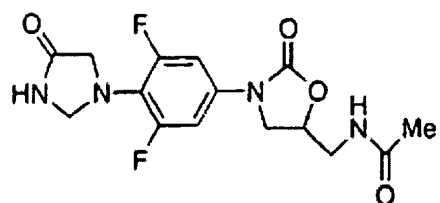
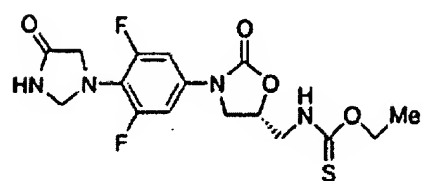
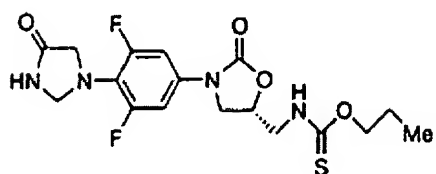
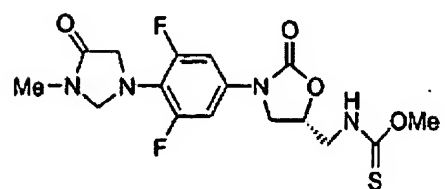
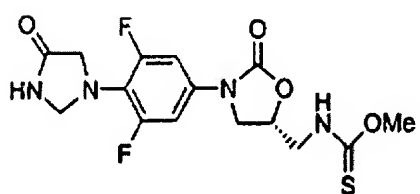
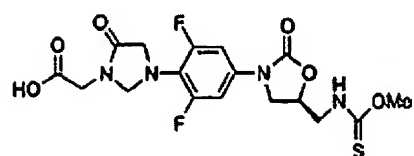
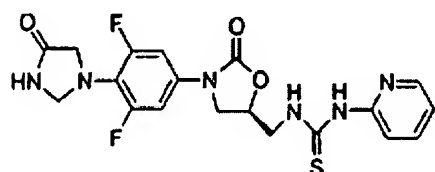
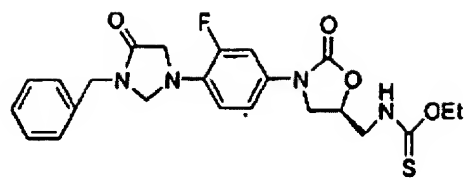
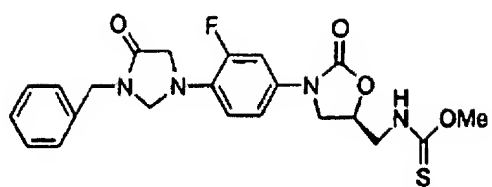


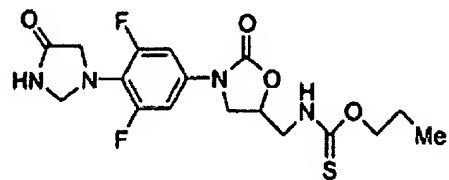
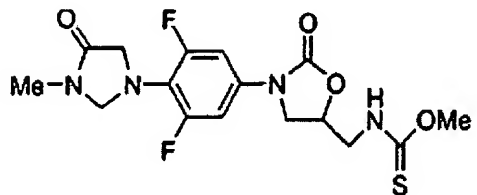
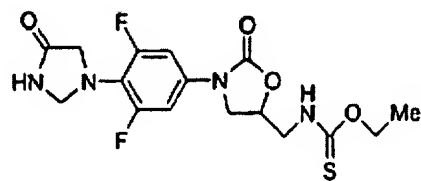
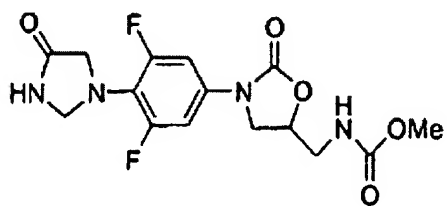










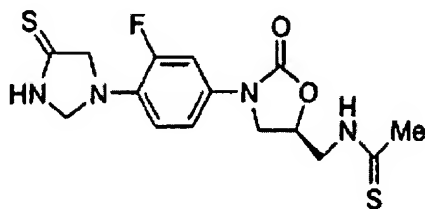


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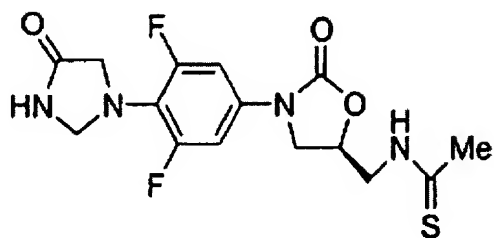
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80-88. (Canceled)

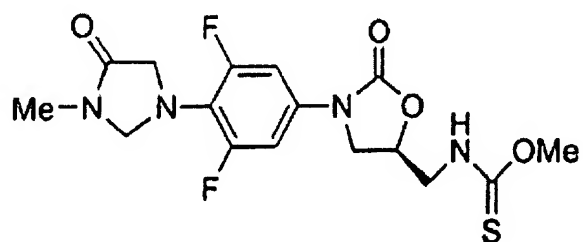
89. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 1, having the structure



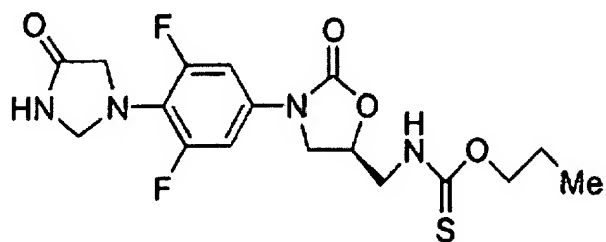
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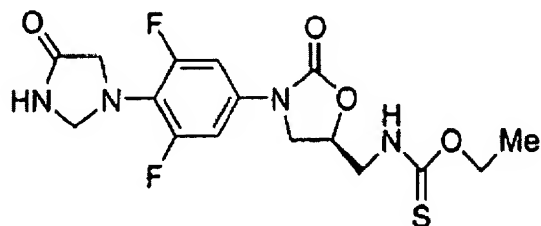
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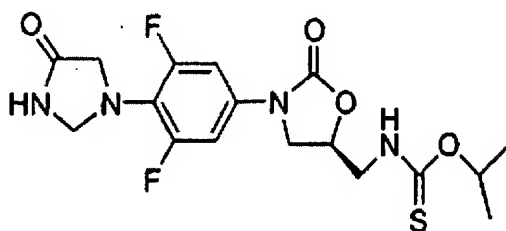
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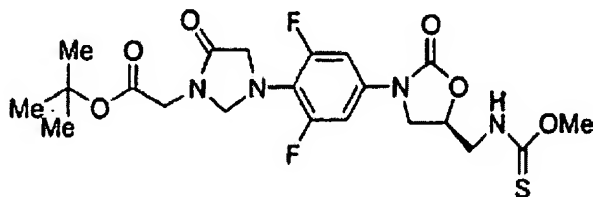
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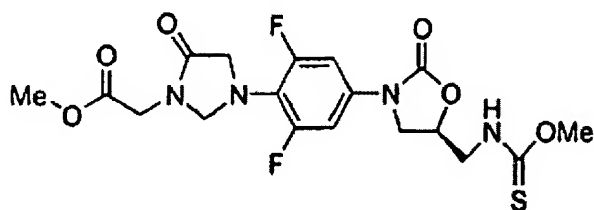
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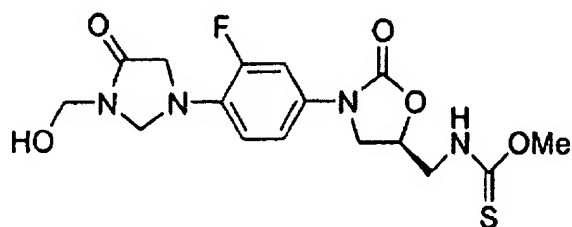


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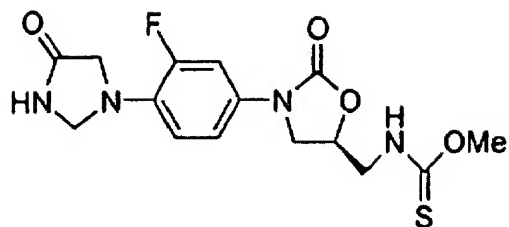


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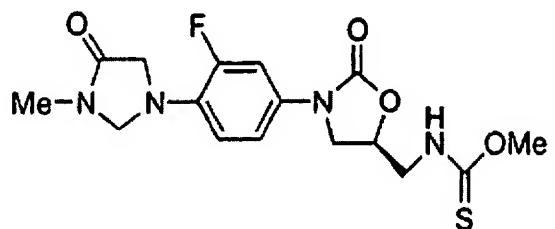
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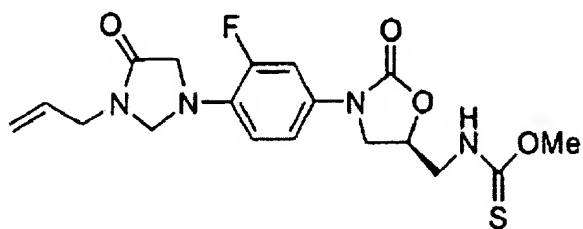
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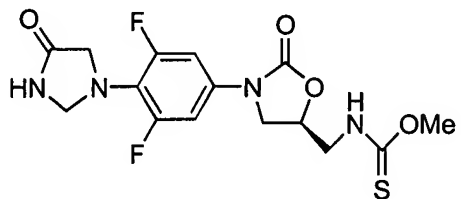
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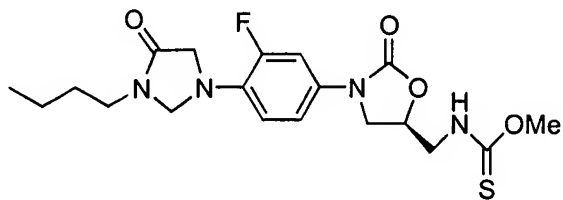
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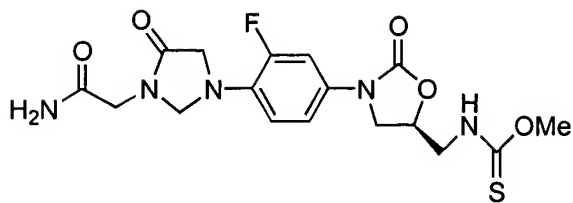
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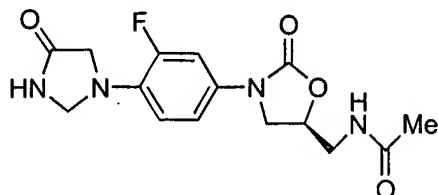
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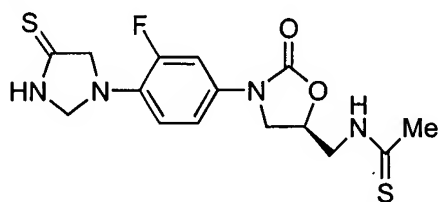
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105. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 1, having the structure

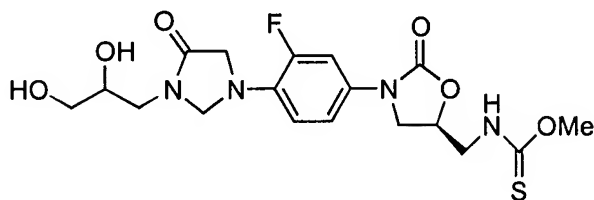


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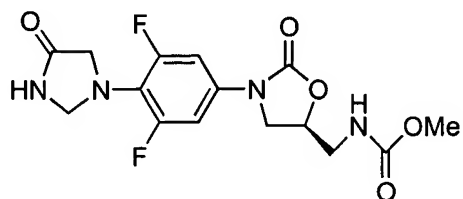
107 - 108. (Canceled).

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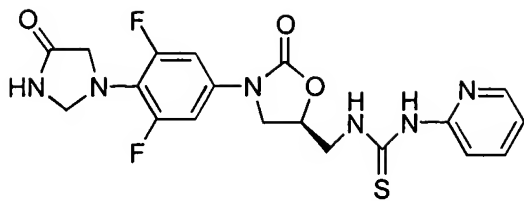


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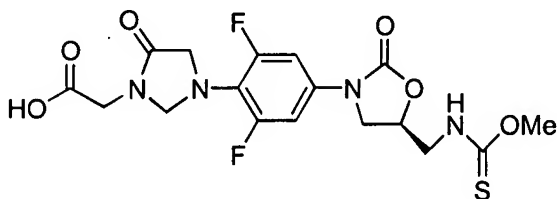


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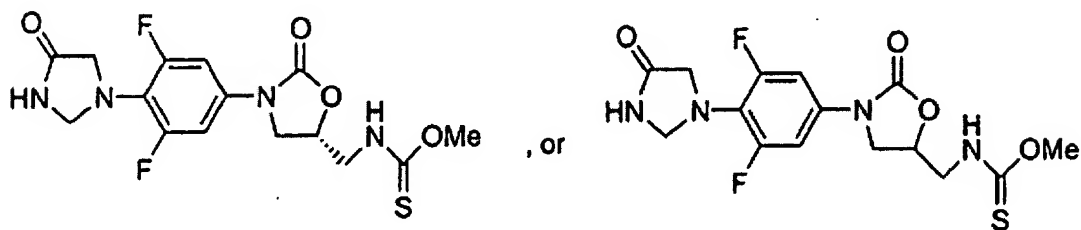


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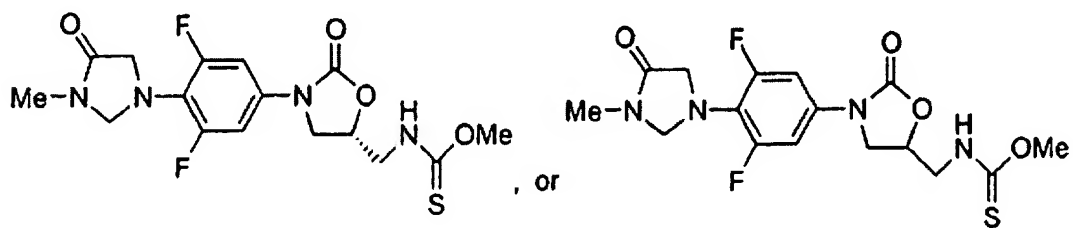
115. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 1, having the structure



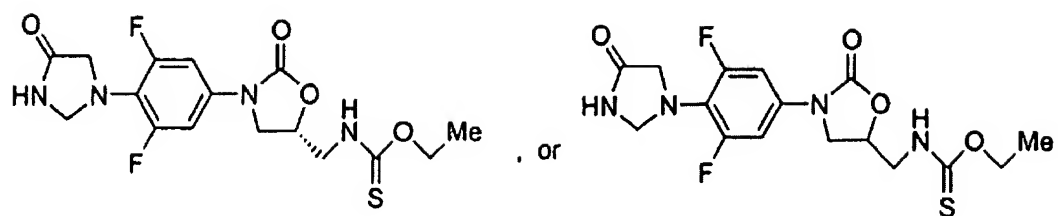
116. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 1, having the structure



117. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 1, having the structure



118. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 1, having the structure



119. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 1, having the structure

